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Latin America Conference

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The Center on Inter-American Studies of Saint Leo College sponsored its third symposium on March 25 at the University of Tampa. Dr. Marco Rimanelli, Director of the Center, coordinated the entire event. The symposium offered information for local businesses interested in expanding into Latin America. Up to date political and economic information on Latin America was presented. "The importance of a conference such as this cannot be underestimated. Through networking and learning about the global marketplace, we are creating an environment that can translate into increasing international trade opportunities" stated Tampa Port Authority Director, George T. Williamson.

A large percentage of the audience was Saint Leo students and faculty. "The conference was educational. It told us a lot about how the world is changing and how everyone is wanting to become connected by global communications" stated conference attendee, junior, Andrea Sauls. Another student attendee, Raphael Robles, senior, stated his opinion, "The conference is a good bridge between both the Hispanic and the Anglo Saxon culture. As I have lived on both sides of the bridge, I can say that the more people aware the bridge exists – the better."

Left to Right: Doctors Vicas, Renyolds, Himes, Kirk, Rimanelli & McTague. ***Leonard J. Umhoefer Photos***

Several international speakers shared their insights and their opinions about the effects and usage of the Monroe Doctrine in Latin America. In addition, a disscussion was started about the role of the Church in Latin America and how it compared to the Church in United States. Dr. Joe Hollands, Professor at St. Thomas University, stated his opinion. "The church in Latin America is focused mainly on the young people. The

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Campus Braces for More Changes

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

Many are dazed and confused over all of the changes going on at Saint Leo. Well, add a few more to your list. Portables have been placed on the west side of Saint Edward Hall to serve as temporary work stations for faculty and staff as all AC units, campus energy and lighting, and life safety systems, (such as fire alarms),will be replaced. Each trailor will house telephones, computer hook-ups, and furniture. They will be more like an office away from office.

The project is expected to span 5oo days. All light fixtures and AC units in each major building will be replaced in Lewis and Crawford Halls as wells as the library and McDonald Center. Renovations on the residence halls took place earlier this year, when desicant systems were installed to remove mold from the rooms.

Jim Killmeyer, Physical Plant Operator, said that the systems (AC, lights, and life safety) "have met their life cycle and need to be replaced." Major work is expected to start in July, not inconviencing students but rather staff that remains on campus all summer. Killmeyer does not expect a large inconvience. He says the portables will help move work stations for employees, and some of the work will be done at night. Also, the portables will be ADA accessable with ramps, security lighting, and a patios.

Saint Leo will also have a new addition . The north side of the computer tech center will house the new

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EDITORIAL: Hasty Decision?

Saint Leo's newly approved General Education Proposal raises a lot of interesting points. First and foremost, there was no student involvement in the decision making process. Second, how can you combine two or more separate fields into a coherent class at the freshman level? Third, no one seems to know what, if any, effect this proposal will have on the various majors. Fourth, how will this proposal affect Saint Leo's reputation (and that of its graduates) among other colleges and universities? Fifth, despite various claims, there does not seem to be any real effort to achieve a more Catholic mindset. Sixth, some of the so-called "Keystone Courses" focus on redundant material while ignoring the basics. Finally, why is the administration in such a hurry to implement this new proposal, and why were so few students (and faculty) on campus aware that the proposal was even being considered? I think we can all agree that Basic Studies needed some improvement, but is such a drastic change really necessary at this time?

Student involvement is a necessary part of any college or university. That is why Saint Leo has organizations like the Student Government Union. When it comes to curriculum, students are the real experts. However, not one student was involved in the decision to replace Basic Studies with General Education. The fault does not lie solely with the administration. SGU was given one opportunity to send a representative to the General Education Committee, but they failed to take advantage of it. On the other hand, the administration had a responsibility to follow-through. They should have kept trying until they found a suitable student representative or representatives. It would have been better if the administration had held some sort of open forum, and if they had been seeking more than a single student representative. They should have been more diligent, and they should have made more than one overture to the student body.

The General Education Proposal includes various "perspectives" which combine two or more fields. One of these perspectives includes an interdisciplinary course which covers art, drama, literature, and music. Another includes a class which combines history, economics, and political science, etc. This proposal attempts to put far too many concepts into introductory classes. Before you can have an intelligent dialogue comparing so many diverse fields, you must first have a basic understanding of each individual field. These types of far-reaching classes are better suited to grade school or upper division college classes. In grade school, students are exposed to a very little bit of everything without gaining a deeper understanding of anything. In upper division college classes the students should already understand all of the individual concepts involved and can contribute informed opinions to the class.

It has been said numerous times that the General Education Proposal will not affect any current students directly; however, this may not be accurate. Currently, there is a great variety of classes available in each field of study. This gives students the power of choice. Many of these classes are possible only because of the large number of students who take them as a part of Basic Studies. If these students are removed, valuable classes may be cancelled or offered less frequently. This could rob students of the chance to choose classes which interest them, and make class scheduling even more difficult than it already is. A reduction in specialized classes could also result in a reduction of faculty in some fields and in larger classes.

A college's reputation is very important. It is the first thing prospective students are aware of, and it directly affects how graduates are viewed. If the proposal has a detrimental effect on Saint Leo, for whatever reason, the college's graduates may not be able to attend the graduate school or get the job of their choice. Similarly, it is important to consider how this program will appear to students interested in attending this college. Students who prefer more choices or a more traditional approach will probably go elsewhere. I know I would have.

Saint Leo is a Catholic college, and yet the values which are going to be introduced with the new curriculum are generic and non-religious. Catholicism is about more than this new proposal's stated values of excellence, community, personal development, etc. Christianity is about much more than these generic business-like values.

The four "Keystone Courses" proposed seem to focus on classes which will be superfluous for many students. There are two classes dedicated exclusively to the development of "writing skills." No allowance seems to have been made for those students who are already excellent writers before they enter college. The proposal says nothing about alternate advanced or honors classes. I think it is more important to study writing in conjunction with grammar and/or literature, as the old Basic Studies' English Composition classes did. The "Freshman Seminar" course will include "study skills, critical thinking skills, word processing skills, electronic data base search skills, speaking skills, and writing skills." Once again, these are skills that some students master in high school. To make students, who already demonstrate these skills, take such a class would be redundant. Yet, the proposal makes no mention of possible exemptions.

Why does the administration appear to be rushing into both this decision and its implementation? The General Education Committee was formed in October of 1997, the faculty voted to accept the committee's proposal on February 18, 1999, and it is going into effect for the 1999 Fall Semester. This seems hasty for such a drastic change. Would it not be better to take things more slowly? A slower approach would give the entire school more time to prepare all of the new classes mandated by this proposal. Furthermore, what was/is the big secret? Some faculty members were unaware of the precise details of the General Education Proposal until fairly recently. Most students are still unaware of what the program entails or that it even exists. If knowledge is truly power, then Saint Leo College is weak indeed. **By: Jennifer Hawley**

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Creative Writing Corner

Lakewater like glass,
Shattered by a fish's jump
Droplets fall in place.
David Strauss

Songbirds are singing
Trees are swaying in the breeze
A storm looms ahead
Chris Kent

Sight better at night
Without benefit of light
But nothing to see
Mark Kane

Snail slides across wet
pavement. A slimy trail follows
to mark its way west.
Linda Bergin

Looking out the window,
A branch hovers like an angel;
Protection from my fears.
Michelle Bertucci

Bodies move in rhythm
To the pounding music
Like jumping beans in heat
Gary Downing II

Saint Leo College's conversion to a university will not be effective until August 24, 1999. Anytime before this date Saint Leo will be considered a college. The Ideal 2005 is to "become a 'Leading Catholic Teaching University of International Consequence for the Twenty-first Century.'" According to Saint Leo University's Mission Statement, "Members of the community are expected to examine and express their own values, listen respectfully to the opinions of others, serve the community in which they live, welcome others into their lives and care for all God's creations."

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young people tackle religious issues more openly and intelligently than the young people of the United States."

President Kirk addressed those at the luncheon, and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Jaime Alonso Gomez, Dean of Graduate School of Business Administration at Monterrey TEC, Mexico.

One of the four panels was composed solely of local female business leaders who addressed the crowd on business opportunities in Latin America.

The Saint Leo College Press and student volunteers manned the registration table, and provided an opportunity for attendees to browse and/or purchase past publications. Dr. Rimanelli is currently compiling information for a book on this symposium. Many local, state, and international organizations cosponsored the event.

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AC powerhouse unit. That means that the side lot that now serves as parking spaces, will be a building that looks like the pavillion by security, yet surrounded to enclose the system. The system is much more advanced with 50% less noise and the use of 2 pumps instead of one.

No doubt, the staff is excited about this change. It is great technology that is easy to work with. All system will be improved and that means that students, faculty, and staff will benefit.

PROFILE PAGE

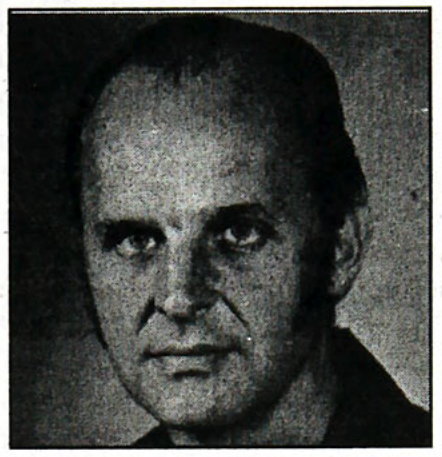
Faculty Profile: Dr. Woodard

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

Dr. James E. Woodard, Professor of English, will be retiring at the close of this semester after teaching at Saint Leo for thirty years. Those who know Dr. Woodard are aware of the loss. But even those who never met the professor, can learn from him.

Dr. Woodard began teaching at Saint Leo in 1969. After having spent three years in the Army Security Agency, he earned his Ph.D. in American Studies at the University of New Mexico. He earned his B.A. and M.A. from Mexico City College as he worked as a field epidemiologist for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Dr. Woodard became fascinated with literature while in the army. He realized that the literature taught at his high school was "safe" and "unstimulating." Upon asking Dr. Woodard why he choose to teach, he had this to say, " I realized after writing many short stories and a novel that I didn't have that 'power of conception' that Suzanne Langer says all great writers possess; so I backed into teaching with no lasting regrets."



Woodard belives that the greatest joy of teaching has been, "liking what I teach." He explained, "A critic whose name I can't recall defined literature as "history with a beating pulse" and added that one of its purposes is to "debunk the myths we live by." Those who have been

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Student Profile: Jason Layton

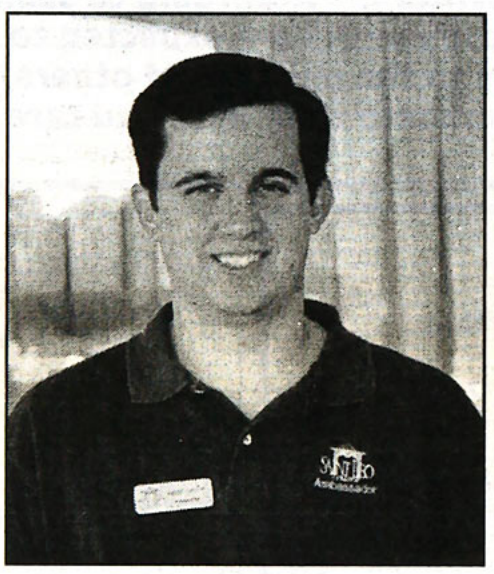
Leonard J. Umhoefer
Photography Editor

1998 – 1999 Saint Leo College Student Government President and Business Administration major Jason Layton will graduate this May with a 3.2 GPA.

Layton came to Saint Leo as a freshman in 1996 as a Sports Management major but changed his major about halfway through college. As an elected official of SGU, Layton stays busy. "I would say SGU's biggest accomplishment would be the promotion of our agenda. This year, through activities and legislation, we brought our attendance up to forty people from an average of about fifteen last year. Apathy had set in last year, and no one really cared about student government." He attributes the increase in interest to the activities. SGU generally has at least one a week. "We try to let the student body know what's going on administratively. I try to relay, as much as I can, everything that has been coming up from my meetings with administration."

Layton and his staff are also working on a web page. There have been delays because of the demands on his time, but it should be completed within a month. "The old one hasn't changed in a year and a half, so hopefully we'll get it linked up soon," he said.

According to Layton, the



changes at Saint Leo are mostly positive. "My greatest impression of Saint Leo is there has been a lot of change since I've been here." "But," he said, "there needs to be more consistency overall. Since I've been here, there's been a high turnover of staff. It's been a revolving door here with the Director of Resident Life, and with other departments in Saint Francis and Saint Edward as well.

Layton has no political ambitions once he leaves college but does plan on working towards his MBA at a university somewhere in Florida. "I plan to get a job in a marketing department in a business, and from there go on to get my masters," he said. "My long term goal is to progress up the track, working my way through the channels of a marketing firm."

Layton's interests outside of school include playing golf. He also devotes a lot of time to his fraternity.

Club Profile: Circle K

Jennifer Hawley
Staff Witer

As President Page Batton says, Circle K is, " based on three things: service, leadership, and fellowship." She goes on to note that "Circle K has been a big organization on campus for a long time." During this time, they have received numerous awards. Membership may be on the slow side right now, "but we're still going strong," Page affirms. Circle K is a national organization and is on the third rung of the Kiwanis ladder which also includes Key Kids in elementary school and Key Club in high school. Page is very enthusiastic about the club. She says, "I believe in what Kiwanis stands for--helping others--but it is more than that." It is an association where people with similar ideas can gather to engage in fellowship and to do service projects, even during conventions. The Saint Leo chapter of Circle K has participated in conferences in places ranging from Virginia to Jamaica. Recently, President Batton, along with fellow Circle K members, Shane Metzler and Michael Iafrato, attended one in Daytona Beach. While there, Michael was chosen as the new Lieutenant Governor of Circle K's Sunbelt District. The club likes to keep in contact with the Kiwanis

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Mission of Mercy

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Our mission trip to La Victoria, a small village in the Dominican Republic, began with an idea of what we might see and who we might help, but now we now we know. Their love and generosity has been imprinted upon our hearts. Our mission was clear. It was not and is not their spirit we needed to heal. In fact, they mended ours. We discovered what they truly needed, and it was those needs we attempted to meet.

We want to give you a picture of our memories, but a photograph could not capture the spirit of those moments. We traveled into the city where we saw their poverty. We saw the tiny shacks which are their homes sitting one right next to another. They were painted pink, blue, purple, and red. Trash lined the streets and its scent filled the air as we turned our heads hoping the foul odor would fade. We glanced around and absorbed this new world whose children run free in the streets lacking shoes, some without clothes their tiny feet and legs covered with dust from the road, and their malnourished bodies lacking clean clothes, and their empty tummies begging for a morsel of food. This is what we saw as we entered La Victoria.

Our main mission took place at the clinic. First, we had to unload the container, which held all of the goods donated from Americans. When the container arrived, half of the children, men, and women of La Victoria showed up for the event. They either watched or wanted to help, but mostly they were curious to see what the Americans had brought this time. The container they brought was a semi-truck and the workers began to unload clothes, a refrigerator, televisions, chairs, medical equipment, and eyeglasses from it. The next morning, we awoke early to go to the clinic. There we organized the eyeglasses in to near-sighted and far-sighted. The waiting room over flowed with people. So we began. We gave each one an eye chart test, and then, fitted each one with the glasses that could best help his sight. We saw around 200 people that day. The language barrier caused us to struggle at times, but we had a few bilingual Dominicans who helped us communicate. They worked as hard or harder than we did.

We hate to call it a mission trip because it sounds like we only provided for others. They were our missionaries, also. We may have helped clothe them or filled their empty stomachs, but they fed our hearts and kissed our souls.

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The Tampa Bay Wrestling Federation is a group of twenty wrestlers. Among these wrestlers are tag team champions "Hot Stuff" Donnie York and Dannie York. They encourage Saint Leo students to come out and experience the show. Donnie York, a former minor league baseball player, wrestled for Extreme Championship Wrestling in 1993. He said, "If students want extreme with a lot of blood, then I will give it to them!"

Tampa Bay Wrestling Federation action is hot and exciting. On March 19th , "Chains" challenged heavyweight champion, "Dozer" to an anything goes match. The fight started with the champion getting a deep gash on his forehead. The action escalated outside the ring, the two wrestlers took the fight outside to Gall Blvd. Punches were flying while cars were zipping down the street. The fight ended up back in the ring were the challenger "Chains" won the heavyweight crown.

Jo Bob's Sports Grill has other special events. Coming this April, Jo Bob's is putting on a tough man competition. There are no rules, and the winner of the event receives $1000. For further information on special events and times, please contact Jo Bob's Sports Grill at (813) 788-1801.

Meals with a message

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

The Student Chaplains of Saint Leo sponsored a meal with a message on March 16 to exemplify the importance of forgiveness in people's lives. The dinner began at 5:30 p.m. in the Raleigh Greene Room. The speaker was Dr. Rebekah Thomas, Assistant Professor of Biology. She spoke about the benefits of forgiving, as well as the Bible scriptures that portray forgiveness as a necessity in one's life. She stated, "A person must forgive others in order to be forgiven by God."

The Student Chaplains invited guests to the dinner. Frank Esposito, student, stated "Forgiveness is a very important aspect in leading a healthy life. I found the dinner to be very informative and helpful as it reminded me of how Jesus stressed the importance of forgiveness at all times, even when it is extremely difficult."

The event allowed time for reflection, prayer, and questions. The students took advantage of the time they shared together. Jennifer Bowman, student, stated "I really had a chance to think about the benefits of forgiveness in relation to many areas of my life."

SPORTS UPDATES

Men's Sports Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The Saint Leo **baseball team** could not handle Kennesaw State which is ranked No. 3 in Division II polls. The Monarchs lost all three games in the series (15-0, 14-1, 12-2). The Monarchs were out hit 43-16, but they came back strong by winning three games in a row. First, they beat Regis 22-2 and had a season high 18 hits. Brian Krot hit 4-for4 and had four RBIs. Additionally, Mike Wrenn drove in six runs. Next, they beat Ithaca College 8-2. They came out strong in the second inning scoring six runs. Krot went 4-for-4. Then, they beat Valdosta State 7-6. In that game, freshmen Alden Watson went 3-4.

The Monarchs won their series against the University of Tampa. They beat Tampa in two out of three games. In the first game of the series, senior Patrick Bowen allowed only two earned runs on five hits and struck out eleven batters. J.D. Wills played well for the Monarchs as he went 3-for-5. The Monarchs defeated Tampa 7-3. In the second game of the series, the Monarchs lost 6-3. In the last game of the series, the Monarchs killed Tampa 14-2. Mike Wrenn went 2-3 with a homerun and five RBIs.

Senior Brian Krot is hitting extremely well for the Saint Leo baseball team. He fell short of the NCAA Division II record for consecutive hits and went 10-for-10 falling one short of the record. He is batting .425 and is perfect from the field in 28 attempts. Alden Watson is batting .414 with four doubles and 9 RBIs, while sophomore Kurtis Craft has an ERA of 2.22 and a perfect 3-0 record with 18 strikeouts in 16 innings. Additionally, Mike Wren was named Sunshine State Conference Offensive Player of the Week. He went 11-for-26 from the plate. He had four doubles, a triple, two homers and eleven RBI's.

The Saint Leo **Men's Tennis team** beat Carthage College 6-3. Then the Monarch men went on to win three straight. They beat Northwood 5-4, Palm Beach Atlantic 8-1, and St. Thomas 7-0. Felipe Esteves has four wins this season at the number one spot in singles.

Female Sports Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The Saint Leo **softball team** is in contention for the conference title. They have been playing extremely well for the entire season. They are 19-11 overall and have a second place record of 5-1 in the Sunshine State Conference. Coach Wade is excited about the season, but she will not start looking too far ahead for a conference title. She commented, "I am excited that they are playing well. But, I won't put the buggy before the horse. We still have a lot of conference games to play." When asked which players have surprised her with their performance she said, "All of my freshmen. I didn't expect them to play as well as they have, so I am really happy with my freshmen."

The Monarchs played in the Eckerd College Tournament. In the first game they played Ferris State University and lost 4-2. Desiree Croteau pitched all eight innings allowing 3 earned runs and struck out seven batters. She went 2-for-4 from the plate. In the second game the Monarchs played Wiscounsin-Parkside and won 4-3. Jennifer Shirley drove in two runs and Kelly Hager went 2-for-4 from the plate. Emily Psalmonds, a pitcher for the Monarchs, struck out eight batters in the victory. Then, they were defeated by Northwood by a score of 2-3. In the fourth game of the tournament they defeated Ashland University 10-9. The Monarchs trailed 9-3 then rallied back in the bottom of fourth with seven runs. Croteau drove in three runs and picked up the win. In the final game of the tournament the Monarchs defeated Wiscounsin-Parkside 9-0. Jacquelyn Brown drove in two runs.

The Monarchs traveled to Georgia and played in the Columbus State University Tournament. They played six games and won half of them. Then they beat Rollins College in both games. Kelly Hager was named Sunshine Conference Player of the Week. During the week she went 10-for-29 with a .345 batting average. The Monarch shortstop, Adrienne Holmes, is fifth in the Sunshine State Conference in batting and is leading her team with a .371 batting average. The Monarchs are winning with team play. Coach Wade is proud of her team and the fact that no one person is the hero every game: "We really stressed that during pre-season. I told them anyone can step up at any one time and be the hero." The **Women's Tennis team** beat Northwood 6-1 but lost to Palm Beach Atlantic 5-2 and St. Thomas 7-0.

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in 1994.

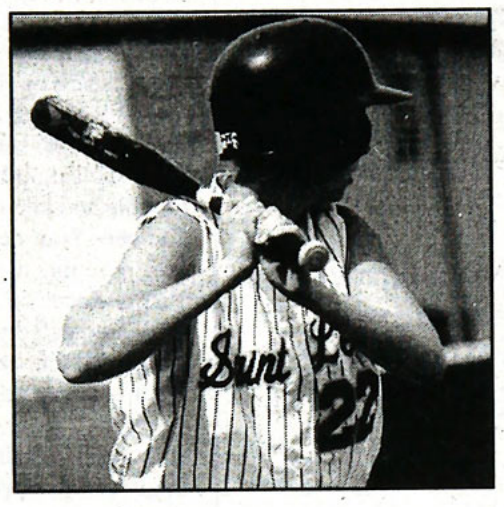
Reidy come into this new job with a new philosophy that he hopes will bring about a closer college community. He desires his coaches, "to be more visible in the college community as a whole, which will lead to a more professional outlook from our peers in that community." Reidy realizes that most coaches work hours which are different from most of the college community. "The college community works about 8-5, while coaches operate on a completely different schedule. Many work late at night, making recruiting calls or practicing, and because they are not in their offices they are not viewed as productive workers. If they are seen out on campus, more then they can educate people more, and that is beneficial to the college community."

The change in Directors has met with positive responses from coaches in the athletic department. Coach Lent, the head women's volleyball coach states, "I think Coach Reidy will be a fine Athletic Director. I am excited about the new aspects he brings to the job. I think he is very fair and even-handed, and all programs will get a fair shake."

PLAYER PROFILES

Female Profile: Desiree Croteau

George Root
Co-Sports Editor



The Monarchs are off to a (19-11, 5-1) record behind hurler Desiree Croteau. The ace has an e.r.a. of 1.34 and her record is 11-4. She leads the Monarchs in almost every pitching category. Opponents are only batting .200 against her. Not only is she a phenomenal pitcher but she is also a valuable offensive player. At .280 she has the fourth highest batting average. She leads the team in at bats (75), triples (2), homeruns (1), and total bases (31). She is second on the team in hits (21), doubles (3), and RBIs (10).

Twice this season Croteau has been named pitcher of the week for the Sunshine State Conference. She had her best game of the season in defeating top ranked Barry University. In the win she had a one-hit shutout and singled in the winning run. Desiree commented she is "proud that we are playing as a team. We are playing as one machine. Beating Barry was a huge accomplishment. We are really maturing as a team." She is also the first to credit her teammates and coaches for her success. A lot of her development as a pitcher she credits to her pitching coach, Jana Fields.

The team relies heavily on Fields, as she was the only pitcher last year. She still sees most of the time this year. She is also a power hitter. Coach Wade said, "She has a good work ethic, and the future looks good with her on the mound. She carries the team on her shoulders." Last year she was named freshman pitcher of the year in the conference. Coach Wade credits her with being one of the best pitchers in the conference. "She is right up there with Coleman (Florida Southern) and Caldwell (Barry)," says Wade. The sophomore has led the team to a second place record in the Sunshine State Conference.

Male Profile: Brian Krot

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

The play of Brian Krot has been tremendous in the first half of the season. The Monarchs are 17-12 behind his bat. Krot is the statistical leader of this team. At .480, he has the team's highest batting average. He also leads the team in runs (23), hits (49), total bases (59), slugging percentage (.578), and fielding percentage (1.000). Most impressive is that he only has 9 strikeouts in 102 plate appearances. With 27, he is behind only Mike Wrenn in the RBI department.

Twice this season Krot has had consecutive hitting streaks of ten. March has been his month. The first week alone he went 16-for-25. In interviewing players and coaches one word keeps coming up…consistency. Coach Stabile noted, "He has no highs or lows. He has been a model of consistency since day one. He keeps the same attitude and approach no matter what the situation. He never gets frustrated or has slumps." Teammate Pat Bowen stated, "He is on an incredible hot streak. He is doing everything right. He is on FIRE!"

Krot came to Saint Leo last year but was injured in the preseason. He rejoined the team against Florida Tech on April 3rd of last year. With him in the line up the team won 15 of their last 18 games. In that game against Florida Tech he turned a 3 run deficit into a win with a 3 run homer that sparked the Monarchs to victory. That spark continued the rest of the season. Stabile, who coached Krot in high school, brought him here as pitcher. He currently resides in the outfield. "I knew he could hit," says Stabile. Now, everyone at Saint Leo and the Sunshine State Conference know that.

Fran Reidy Named Athletic Director

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Coach Fran Reidy was named the Athletic Director on February 26, 1999. He will replace Ted Owens who resigned in order to spend more time with his family. Reidy had been the Associate Athletic Director for the past two years as well as the head men's soccer coach for eleven years.

Fran Reidy began his career at Saint Leo College as part-time men's soccer coach. From that point on he has held many different titles in the athletic department. At one point he served as the Sports Information Director from 1992-1996, and at the same time, he was also serving as the Assistant Athletic Director. Then, in 1996 he was named the Associate Athletic Director. When asked if he would play the dual role of Athletic Director and head men's soccer coach he responded, "If I had only one job to do I would probably be very bored." Reidy has always held dual roles in the past, and as he points out, "I had winning teams during those jobs. It's all about organization, planning, and good assistant coaches who you can rely on. I have always had that in the past, and I have that now also." He is the school's all-time winningest soccer coach and can boast a 98-91-9 record over the past eleven years. In the past five years his record is 58-32-4. In 1996, his team set a school record with 14 wins and was ranked as high as No. 6 in the Division II national rankings. He was also named Sunshine State Conference Coach of the year

Turn to Reidy pg 6

Photo Poll: What do you like about life at Saint Leo?

- **Frank Esposito**: "What I like best is the nightlife and the athletic events."

- **Danny McNamara**: "What I like best at Saint Leo would have to be the independence and responsibility."

- **Maryana Ghobrial:** "Hanging out with my friends at the coffeehouse."

Monthly Horoscopes

Pisces- Take care of those inner emotions. You usually speak your mind, but try to reflect on what is really going on inside.
Taurus- April will bring you peace. Make amends with those you have offended. Remember to share your good mood; it's contagious.
Aries- Someone from you past is back this month! They way you move is still up in the air. Take time to contemplate your actions.
Gemini- Spring is here, although you may begin to feel down. Stick with it and do something for yourself.
Leo- This month you will be repaid for all of your kind acts. Be humble and keep giving.
Cancer- Your dedication will pay off this month. Enjoy the benefits. You like to win and you definalty will this month.
Virgo- Focus on friends and family. An arguement last month may have not healed yet. Fix it.
Libra- March was hectic. April will be great; a time to relax and do the things you enjoy. So take it easy.
Scorpio- This is your month! A good friend reveals a secret by the 15th that will bring you both closure.
Sagittarius- April is your month of love. If you have someone, show your love to them. If you do not have someone special, make the move. You know who you have you eye on.
Capricorn- Use caution is talking to certain people. Sometimes you have a rough edge, and may accuse someone falsey.
Aquarius- Give it up! You have been obsessing about something you have no control over. Let go of it and have fun in April!

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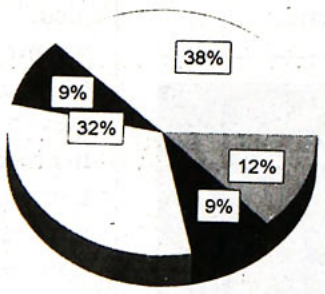

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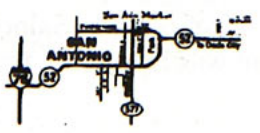

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MOVIE REVIEWS

8mm

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

*8mm i*s definitely an intense flick. It was rated "R" for strong perverse sexuality and violence and for strong language. This movie is not for someone with a weak stomach. So, if you want to see a lot of vulgar actions and indecent scenes, this movie is appropriate.

The movie is about snuff films. Actor, Nicolas Cage, is hired by a widow to find out who made a snuff film that was found in her deceased husband's safe. After a long, drawn out explanation of how Tom Welles, Cage, finds the murderers, he turns violent. The devilish nature of the New York pornography underworld finally got to him by the end of the story. He murders quite a few people who get in his way. This doesn't make much sense because he was supposed to be the good guy. Nevertheless, the devil took over, and Tom Welles turned into what he had once despised. In the meantime, his wife, played by Catherine Keener, was left alone. Her role consisted of whining and complaining about her lack of knowledge regarding her husband's job.

The movie was full of gory scenes. Cage meets up with his contact to the underworld, played by actor Joaquin Phoenix. Phoenix is eventually brutally murdered. The movie ends with Cage crying to his wife, which exemplifies the poor screenwriting.

It is not a surprise that this movie has received discouraging reviews. I can't imagine anyone thinking this movie worth the price of admission. Unfortunately, Joel Schumacher, director, will not be receiving much praise for this excuse of a movie.

Analyze This

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

Analyze This is a movie that shows audiences the softer side of the mob. Never heard of such a thing? Of course you haven't. With movies like *The Godfather* and *Goodfellas*, viewers have a fearful and well defined imagine of those Italian tough guys. And you wouldn't expect to see Robert DeNiro in a comedy, especially a mob comedy. In *Analyze This,* DeNiro teams up with Billy Crystal and Lisa Kudru, in a movie about a mob bosses' mid-life crisis. Crystal plays DeNiro's unwilling psychiatrist and, Kudro is Crystal's bride to be.

Analyze This is a movie about gangsters that, like most mob movies, tells a story of the legacy involved in the murder and wealth in this life of crime. But what if the boss started having a guilty conscious and found it difficult to be a tough guy? The brutal killings just aren't the same anymore. DeNiro's character actually cries during sappy bank commericals and experiences panic attacks. He is forced to let go of his pride and see Crystal or forfeit his power. Besides, we like our mob bosses mean. *Analyze This* is a great movie. Typical DeNiro fans will love to see him in this comedic twist. Crystal and Kudro are an odd pair. I recommend this film to anyone, (except maybe the kiddies because of the strong language.)

Cruel Intentions

Mikal Schrage
Freelance

With a sudden explosion of the teen horror genre in Hollywood, it couldn't have come as a surprise that Hollywood has now shifted its focus towards teenage sexuality. Columbia Pictures leaves no nerve untouched in *Cruel Intentions*, a wickedly profane version of Choderlos De Laclos' 1782 novel. This version adapted for the silver screen by write/producer/director Roger Kimble stars Sarah Michelle Gellar *(Scream 2, I Know What You Did Last Summer)* as Kathryn Merteuil and Ryan Phillippe (*54, I Know What You Did Last Summer*) as Sebastian Valmont, a notoriously known womanizer. Gelar and Phillippe portray two wealthy step-siblings who spend their free time inventing bets that end up having sexual relations as the chief prize.

Enter Reese Witherspoon and Selma Blair, the targets of Gellar's and Phillippe's newest diabolical plan. Blair, who portrays the innocent Cecile, is the woman Gellar's love interest dumped her for and Kathryn's newest protege. Witherspoon plays Annette, the new headmaster's daughter and a main feature in the newest issue of *Seventeen* magazine on virginity. In the movie, Gellar and Phillippe conspire to make the ultimate bet, Sebastian has to sleep with Annette. If he loses, Kathryn gets Sebastian's jaguar. If he wins, he gets the ultimate prize, the prize he has waited for all his life, the chance to sleep with Kathryn. Meanwhile, Kathryn has a side plan of her own. Dumped by her beau Cort for innocent Cecile, Kathryn comes up with a plan that will, in her eyes, even the score with her ex-beau. The plan, to turn virginal Cecile into a tramp and then deliver her to Cort as damaged goods.

What makes this movie fun is the incessant sexual innuendoes delivered by Kathryn and Sebastian. The sexual tension between then is so thick you could cut it with a knife. It leaves the viewer to wonder whythey would make the bet in the first place. However, the one main problem with this movie is that the actors are too old to play the parts of teenagers. Both Gellar and Phillippe are well into their twenties, which makes the whole teen prep high school thing hard to swallow. The ideal audience the movie seems to shoot for is the twenty-somethings instead of the teen genres. This new rendition, which happens to be the fourth version, is by far the best. Each of the actors plays well off the others. Gellar shines from her "Buffy" role on television as does Phillippe who continues to show promise after last year's hit *54*. This is definitely a movie that would be enjoyed by all ages. To not see this movie would definitely be a *Cruel Intention.*

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Opportunity of a Lifetime

Grace A. Dyer
Freelance

Every March, for the past thirteen years, numerous professors of political science from universities all over the country have organized a conference that is hosted in Washington D.C. The ideas being promoted are leadership and government interests as well as a learning mechanism for future members of government. Numerous colleges and universities are selected to invite one student to represent their school at this conference. This year, I was awarded the honor of representing Saint Leo.

Interviews for the position were open to all Pre-Law, Political Science, History, International Studies and Public Administration majors. Interviews were held in late January by a panel consisting of Dr. Hudson Reynolds, Dr. Marco Rimanelli, and Dr. John McTague. These professors interviewed each candidate at length and reviewed the applications of all candidates. The panel based its final evaluation and selection on both the candidate's overall grade and school performance. Candidates were notified by mail about a week later with the results. The department of Liberal Arts and Sciences absorbed all expenses for the conference, making it possible for a representative of Saint Leo to attend.

The conference was held from March 11through14. There were in-depth discussions on the study of our government including its structure and future goals. There were many discussions involving foreign affairs and the U.S. role in those situations. Topics relating to all other aspects of government, laws, and involvement in foreign affairs were discussed. Each day began with an early morning breakfast conference and ended with a late evening formal dinner conference. There were many impressive guest speakers including members of the President's Cabinet, members of the National Advisory Council and former Special Counsel to the President. The media coverage included representatives from *Newsweek, The Los Angles Times, Washington Journal, The New York Times* and C-Span.

I was overwhelmed with conferences, panel discussions and lectures, but the conference also provided for tours of The White House, Library of Congress, The Supreme Court, The Pentagon, The State Department, and all the D.C. tourist attractions and museums.
I would like to thank Dr. Rimanelli, Dr. McTague, and Dr. Reynolds for providing me with what I consider to be the opportunity of a lifetime. This was a great learning opportunity that I hope will continue for Saint Leo students in years to come. The knowledge gained from this trip has greatly increased my understanding of our government's issues and operations and has been a positive addition to my studies at Saint Leo College.

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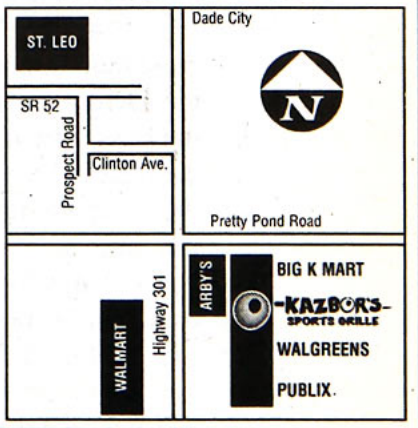

Academic Honors Convocation

Michelle Bertucci
Staff Writer

The Academic Honors Convocation, scheduled for April 18, will acknowledge students for their academic achievements. "It is an attempt to create an institutional way of publicly acknowledging the students," said Dr. Lafountaine, Assistant to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Saint Leo. The Convocation will include a formal ceremony with a procession by the faculty, a welcome from the President, and a talk by guest speaker Dr. Mark Morford. The Distinctive Alumnus Award will be given to the alumni who has made major accomplishments. There will also be the presentation of Senior Honor student awards, the Disciplinary Honor Award for outstanding student of the year, and the Clara McDonald Olson Scholarship Award to the senior with the highest grade point average.

The ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Marmion/ Synder Center, with a reception immediately following. It is open to all students, faculty, staff, and parents. The Convocation will provide the opportunity for the students and community to acknowledge those who have excelled in academics, while also promoting the importance of academics within the college. It is hoped that everyone will attend this ceremony and support the students of Saint Leo.

Circle K from pg 4

family and will be serving them at a fish-fry on April 1, at the armory in Dade City. In the past they have worked with Habitat for Humanity, Boys Village, Paint St. Pete Proud, etc. Soon Circle K will again work with Habitat for Humanity in either the Dade City area or Tampa. They are also planning to visit children at the Shriners Hospital in Tampa in conjunction with USF's chapter of Circle K.

Circle K's officers include: President Page Batton, Secretary Darlene Leonard, Treasurer Charrom Skandera, Activities Coordinator Carla Zint, Public Relations Coordinator Shane Metzlter, and Historian Kathryn Faulkner. Dr. Moorman is the faculty advisor, and Norman Carey is the Kiwanis advisor. Circle K meets at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Cage. All interested students are welcome

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Woodard From pg. 4

Woodard's students know that he is dedicated to absolving myths. He often talks about the racial prejudice that he was exposed to as a young boy growing up in the South. He has opened students' minds and hearts. Woodard is not shy when he tells his students that he hates modern music. He is not insulting the music, or its listeners, but rather sharing his appriecation for classical music.

Woodard says that he learned from his teaching, "the importance to the self of moral courage. The importance of not being a sycophant." Many probably do not know the meaning of the word "sycophant." This article will not define it. Dr. Woodard would want you to look it up anyway. I had to. His advice for students, "Take all of the intellectually challenging courses you can make room for. You won't regret it years from now."

As Dr. Woodard is also a film professor, I asked him about his reaction to filmmaker Stanely Kubrick's death; he had this to say, "It is a great loss. An original. A great truth teller. *His Paths of Glory* is up there with the first film adaption of Remarque's *All Quiet* and *The Deer Hunter*." Woodard's film students may also take a moment to reflect on his controversial opinion of the film *Titanic*. Actually he hated it. Many disagree with him, but Woodard has seen and appriecated more than others. He is an encyclopedia of knowledge for lack of a better metaphor. His opinion is respected. "Dr. Woodard shines a light on the unanswered questions of the human condition, through his insights and the texts he teaches," said Donald Kelly, Woodard's student.

What are Dr. Woodard's plans for his retirement? "Golf, Golf, Golf!" Sounds like fun. Perhaps in his free time he will watch his favorite movies, *The Deer Hunter* and *Monsieur Hire*, or read his favorite book, Melville's Billy Budd. However, Woodard decides to enjoy his retirement, one thing is for certain, Saint Leo will truly miss a man who dedicated his life to sharing the beauty of literature with students. Thank you Dr. Woodard, and good luck!

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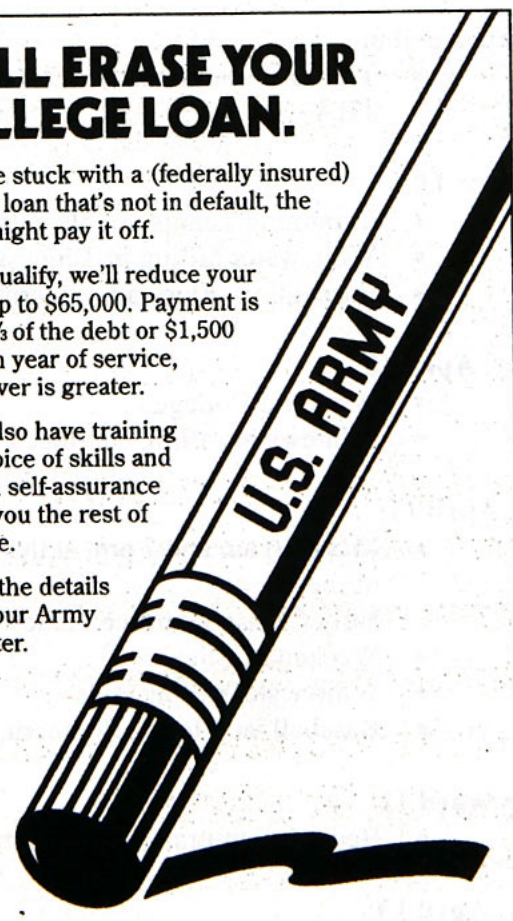

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Monday, March 29:
- SGU Meeting 4:30 pm
- Greek Council Meeting 7:15

Tuesday, March 30:
- Counseling Corner, Dr. Vitale, Marmion/Snyder 6-8 pm
- Women's Tennis vs. University of Tampa 2:30 pm

Wednesday, March 31:
- Men & Women's Tennis vs. University of Delaware 2:30

Thursday, April 1:
- End of Intramural Soccer Tournament
- FAFSA form needs to be processed for those students who wish to receive an early financial award before leaving for the Spring semester
- Greese, SGU
- Baseball vs. Florida Tech 7 pm

Friday, April 2:
- Good Friday: College closed
- Career Expo '99

Saturday, April 3:
- Baseball vs. Florida Tech 12

Sunday, April 4:
- Easter Sunday

Monday, April 5:
- Advance registration for Summer/Fall 99

Tuesday, April 6:
- SGU meeting, Selby Auditorium at 6pm

Thursday, April 8:
- Trip to Brandon movie theater, SGU, TBA

Friday, April 9:
- Intramural Tennis double entries due
- Whitewater rafting in Tennessee
- Baseball vs. Florida Southern, TBA

Saturday, April 10:
- Weekend College
- Whitewater rafting continues

Sunday, April 11:
- Mass, 10 am and 7 pm, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Saint Leo Abbey
- Weekend College
- Whitewater rafting ends
- Baseball vs. Florida Southern, TBA

Monday, April 12:
- Begin Intramural Tennis Tournament

Tuesday, April 13:
- Softball vs. Florida Southern, 2 pm

Saturday, April 17:
- Softball Conference vs. Barry, 1 pm
- FTCE and CLAST exams
- Baseball vs. Rollins, TBA
- Trip to Pleasure Island, TBA

Sunday, April 18:
- Mass, 10 am and 7 pm, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Saint Leo Abbey

Tuesday, April 20:
- Trip to Devil Rays game, TBA

Thursday, April 22:
- End of Intramural Tennis Tournament

Friday, April 23:
- Baseball vs. Eckerd, TBA
- SGU Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 24:
- Softball vs. Lynn University, 1pm
- Weekend College
- Baseball vs. Eckerd, TBA

Sunday, April 25:
- Mass, 10 am and 7 pm, at the Church Holy Cross, Saint Leo Abbey
- Baseball vs. Eckerd, TBA

Wednesday, April 28:
- Last day of classes
- Last day to withdraw from college without failure
- Last day to remove incompletes from Fall of 1998

Thursday, April 29:
- Reading Day

Friday, April 30:
- Begin Finals
- Baseball vs. Lynn, TBA

Saturday, May 1:
- Finals continue
- FAFSA needs to be processed for those students receiving FSAG so that the state of Florida receives it by May 15
- Baseball vs. Lynn, TBA

Sunday, May 2:
- Mass, 10 am and 7 pm, at the Church Holy Cross, Saint Leo Abbey
- Baseball vs. Lynn, TBA

Monday, May 3:
- Finals continue

Tuesday, May 4:
- Last day of finals